

The NC State Board of Elections

North Carolina Public Funding Programs

2012 General Election

Voter Guide

KEY ELECTION DATES

Friday, September 7

- Absentee ballots are ready for General Election

Friday October 12

- Voter registration forms must be postmarked or delivered in person by 5:00 p.m. for November 6 General Election. After this deadline you can still register to vote or change your name and address at One-Stop absentee voting locations.
- Last day to change party affiliation before the November General Election

Thursday, October 18

- One-Stop absentee voting begins for November 6 General Election. For locations, check with your county elections office or the State Board of Elections website. Individuals who missed the registration deadline, if qualified, may register in person and then vote at a One-Stop voting site. *In Order to register during a One-Stop period, the applicant must show acceptable proof of name and residence in the county.*

Tuesday, October 30

- Last day to request mail-in absentee ballots in writing (There is an exception due to sickness or disability).

Saturday, November 3

- One-Stop absentee voting ends at 1:00 p.m. (may be extended as late as 5:00 p.m. in some counties)

Monday, November 5

- Absentee ballots must be received in the County Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. (Mailed ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 9, will also be considered timely.)
- Deadline to request an absentee ballot for sickness/disability is 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6

- **General Election Day** Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Statements by candidates do not express or reflect the opinions of the State Board of Elections. Candidates' personal statements appear on pages 4 to 7.

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OVERVIEW OF THIS GUIDE

This Voter Guide is intended to give you vital information about voting in North Carolina and about the candidates seeking election to the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and the offices of Auditor, Commissioner of Insurance, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

WHO CAN VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION?

Anyone who is a registered voter in North Carolina can vote in the General Election. You must be a citizen of the United States, **and** a resident of North Carolina and the county in which you live for at least 30 days before Election Day, and you must be 18 years old on Election Day.

Registration forms can be downloaded from your County Board of Elections website as well as the State Board of Election's website. You can also register in person at the County Board of Elections or at any One-Stop location, at the local library, high school, any state office providing public assistance, or when you apply for or upon renewal of your driver license.

WHO PAYS FOR THIS GUIDE?

The cost of this Guide is paid by the Public Campaign Fund; it receives money from a voluntary \$3 check-off designation on the state tax form and from a \$50 surcharge on the annual dues attorneys pay to the State Bar. This Fund also helps judicial candidates who qualify for limited public campaign support. See page 3. No state General Fund tax money pays for this Guide.

WHAT IS THE \$3 CHECK-OFF?

When you fill out your state income tax form, you can check a box for the N.C. Public Campaign Fund. (Checking "Yes" does not change a person's tax bill or refund; it just allocates \$3 of taxes being paid to the Fund.) The "check-off" is the major source of revenue for the Public Campaign Fund and for this Voter Guide. Other sources include:

- A surcharge on attorneys' State Bar dues
- Money returned to the Fund from candidates
- Donations made to the Fund

To See Your Ballot and Find Your Polling Place

visit the State Board of Elections at: www.ncsbe.gov. Click on "Voter Registration," then "Check Your Registration." Check and enter your Voter Information and click links to your ballot and polling place. Questions? Call 866-522-4723.

NC State Board of Elections

Website: www.ncsbe.gov

Mailing address: PO Box 27255, Raleigh, NC 27611-7255

Physical Address: (new address) 441 N. Harrington St, Raleigh, NC 27603

Office hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except state holidays.

Phone: 919-733-7173 or toll-free 866-522-4723

E-Mail: For questions about voter registration and election matters, contact **Elections & Voting** at elections.sboe@ncsbe.gov

For questions about campaign matters, contact **Campaign Finance Reporting** at campaign.reporting@ncsbe.gov

County Boards of Elections

Go to www.ncsbe.gov. Click on "My Elections Board" at the top of the page

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Voting Tips

- ▶ Judges and other nonpartisan offices are at the end of ballot.
- ▶ Voting a "straight party ticket" does not include the judicial races because judicial races are non-partisan
- ▶ If your county uses paper ballots, check to see if it is two-sided.

Candidates for NC Supreme Court, N.C. Court of Appeals, State Auditor, Commissioner of Insurance, and Superintendent of Public Instruction are listed on pages 4-7.

HOW IS THE NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUND FUNDED FOR THE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS CANDIDATES?

The North Carolina Public Campaign Fund is not funded by the General Fund. In addition to distributions to qualified candidates, all expenses for the program's implementation, including staff and voter guide production and distribution, are paid by the Public Campaign Fund.

There are five sources that provide revenue to the Fund. They are:

- Designations to the Public Campaign Fund by taxpayers. This is achieved through a positive check-off of three dollars on an individual's income tax form.
- Public Campaign Fund revenues distributed for an election that remain unspent or uncommitted at the time the recipient is no longer a certified candidate in the election. These funds are required to be returned by the candidate.
- Funds ordered to be returned to the Fund as a result of a violation by a "participating candidate."
- Voluntary donations made directly to the Public Campaign Fund. Corporations, other business entities, labor unions, and professional associations may make donations to the Fund.
- Money collected from the \$50 surcharge collected from attorneys at the time of payment for their privilege license to practice law in North Carolina. This surcharge is

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Starting October 1, voters can view a sample of the ballot they are entitled to vote for the General Election. Visit the State Board of Elections' website at www.ncsbe.gov, click on the "Voter Registration" Quick Link, and then click "Check Your Registration."

N.C. SUPREME COURT (NEWBY SEAT)

SAM J. ERVIN IV



Place of residence:
Morganton,
North Carolina

Education: Graduate,
Freedom High School--
1974; A.B., magna cum laude, Davidson
College--1978; J.D., cum laude, Harvard Law
School--1981

Occupation: Judge, North Carolina Court of
Appeals

Employer: State of North Carolina

Date admitted to the bar: 1981

Legal/Judicial experience: I practiced law in
Morganton, North Carolina, from 1981 until
1999; served on the North Carolina Utilities
Commission from 1999 until 2009; and have
served as a Judge of the North Carolina
Court of Appeals from 2009 until the pre-
sent.

Candidate's Personal Statement: The law is
the glue that holds society together. For
that reason, the law must be applied fairly,
impartially, and without ideological, political,
or personal bias. A Supreme Court deci-
sion has significant impact on the people
involved and the State as a whole, since
such decisions govern countless other cases
across North Carolina. As a Judge of the
Court of Appeals, I have produced over 325
opinions and helped decide over 900 cases
involving many important legal issues. In
deciding these cases, I carefully studied the
facts and thoroughly reviewed the applica-
ble law to ensure that I properly understood
the controlling statutes, constitutional pro-
visions, and judicial decisions. I will do the
same thing as a member of the Supreme
Court. I have been endorsed by the North
Carolina Association of Educators, the North
Carolina Association of Women Attorneys,
the North Carolina Advocates for Justice,
the North Carolina Troopers Association,
and the Police Benevolent Association,
among others.

For additional information, please see
www.ErvinforSupremeCourt.com

PAUL MARTIN NEWBY



Place of Residence:
Raleigh

Education: J.D., UNC Law;
B.A., Duke (High Honors);
Ragsdale High (Jamestown,
NC)

Occupation: Justice

Employer: N.C. Supreme Court

Date admitted to the bar: 1980

Legal/Judicial experience: Justice, N.C.
Supreme Court, 2004-present; Adjunct Pro-
fessor, Campbell Law, 2008-present; Assis-
tant U.S. Attorney, Raleigh, 1985-2004; Gen-
eral Counsel, Cannon Mills Realty, Kannapo-
lis; Associate, Van Winkle Law, Asheville

Candidate's Personal Statement: I am
seeking re-election as a Justice on the Su-
preme Court where I am privileged to have
served our State for the last eight years. In
every case I strive to fairly, impartially, and
consistently apply the law, faithfully inter-
preting as intended the Constitution and
statutes. I have a reputation of being an
honest, hard-working, common-sense Jus-
tice. As a result, I have received endorse-
ments from four former Chief Justices, two
of each party, and have widespread, biparti-
san support across our State.

I am often selected to educate other judges
and lawyers and to teach law school courses
because of my legal scholarship. I lecture
and have written a book on the North Caro-
lina Constitution and received the N.C. Bar
Association's Constitutional Rights Award.
Knowing the importance of civic education, I
frequently speak to school groups and com-
munity organizations. As an Eagle Scout, I
serve the Boy Scouts in numerous ways and
have been recognized as Scouter of the
Year. For my work with schools and scouts,
I received the Citizen-Lawyer Award.

I have been married to Macon Tucker
Newby since 1983, and we have four chil-
dren. We attend Christ Baptist Church
where I am an Elder and youth Sunday
School teacher. I ask for your support.

www.newbyforcourt.com

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS (MCGEE SEAT)

LINDA MCGEE



Place of residence:
Currituck County, NC

Education: University of
North Carolina—Chapel Hill,
B.A.; J.D.

Occupation: Judge, NC Court
of Appeals

Employer: State of North Carolina

Date Admitted to the bar: 1973

Legal/Judicial Experience: Judge, NC Court
of Appeals since 1995; Partner in DiSanti,
Watson & McGee, 1978-1995

Candidate's Personal Statement: During
17 years as a judge on the Court of Appeals,
I have followed the law in making fair, im-
partial and unbiased decisions in more than
6,000 cases affecting the lives of people
across our State. I base my decisions on the
Constitution, the laws enacted by our legis-
lature, and on fairness. Throughout my
career, I have worked to protect the rights
of families, businesses and individuals. You
can rely on my experience as the second
most senior judge on the Court and the
longest-serving woman judge in the Court's
history.

My commitment to administer justice fairly
and respectfully to all who come to the
Court has been strengthened by my service
as a community college trustee, member of
the NC Sentencing Commission, Board of
Law Examiners, Chamber of Commerce vice
president, Lawyers in Schools leader, my
family and church, and appointment by
Chief Justices I. Beverly Lake, Jr. and Sarah
Parker to the Equal Access to Justice Com-
mission.

I am honored by endorsements from the NC
Police Benevolent Association, NC State
Troopers Association, NC Association of
Educators, NC AFL-CIO, NC Advocates for
Justice, NC Association of Women Attor-
neys, Governor Jim Hunt, former Chief Jus-
tices Burley Mitchell and Henry Frye, and
former Chief Judges Gerald Arnold and Sid
Eagles. I appreciate your vote.

www.JudgeLindaMcGee.com

DAVID S. ROBINSON



Place of residence: Ra-
leigh, NC

Education: Georgetown
University, School of For-
eign Service; George
Washington Law School

Occupation: Attorney

Employer: Special Counsel to Nexsen Pruet, a
190 lawyer firm with 8 offices throughout the
Carolinas

Date admitted to the bar: North Carolina:
1990; US Supreme Court: 2012; US Court of
International Trade: 2012

Legal/Judicial Experience: See below:

Candidate's Personal Statement: Courts
should not make laws. I am the Conservative
candidate and I will approach every case with
diligence, integrity, and dedication. I will not
'legislate from the bench'. I respectfully re-
quest your vote on November 6.

I bring a lot of real-world legal experience to
the bench. I've helped form small non-profits
and represented billion-dollar companies that
create jobs for North Carolinians. I've helped
North Carolina companies export their prod-
ucts around the world. I routinely assist hu-
manitarian organizations, Veterans groups
and church organizations with their legal
needs. I have been practicing law in North
Carolina for over two decades; both in large
law firms and as a small business owner.

Throughout my career, I've seen the legal
systems of many nations, up-close and on
their home soil. I have readily concluded that
our legal system is second to none, and that
our appellate courts must play a major role in
creating a stable, reliable and predictable legal
"playing field" for all North Carolinians and
their businesses. As your conservative candi-
date, I believe we achieve this through judicial
restraint, not activism. I need your vote on
November 6, and I will serve you well.

Please visit my website:
www.robinsonfornc.com for additional
information.

Thank you for your vote.

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS (BRYANT SEAT)

WANDA BRYANT

Place of residence:
Durham, NC



Education: Duke University, Bachelor of Arts; Oxford University, England, Summer Study; North Carolina Central University, Juris Doctor

Occupation: Judge on the NC Court of Appeals

Employer: State of North Carolina

Date admitted to the bar: August, 1982

Legal/Judicial experience: Judge, NC Court of Appeals; Senior Deputy Attorney General, North Carolina Department of Justice; Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia; Staff Attorney, Police Executive Research Forum, Washington, D.C.; Prosecutor, 13th District (Bladen, Brunswick, and Columbus Counties)

Candidate's Personal Statement: Fairness and justice are cornerstones of my life. In 11 years on the Court of Appeals, I've written more than 1,200 opinions on issues that touch the lives of North Carolinians, from workplace injuries and commercial and employment disputes to family matters, criminal law, and property rights. I am passionate about the rule of law, and firm in my conviction that appellate judges must fairly and accurately apply the law in each case. In each opinion I have worked to provide a careful analysis of the facts and a fair and just application of the law.

I enjoy my current service as Chair of NCCU School of Law Board of Visitors, NC Bar Association Women in the Profession Committee, NC Museum of Sciences Friends Board, and Duke University School of Nursing Board of Advisors.

I have been endorsed by Governor Jim Hunt, former Chief Justices Burley Mitchell and Henry Frye, former Chief Judges Gerald Arnold and Sid Eagles, NC AFL-CIO, NC Association of Women Attorneys, NC Police Benevolent Association, and NC Association of Educators.

www.JudgeWandaBryant.com

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MARTY MCGEE

Place of residence:
Concord



Education: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A. 1991; Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D. 1995

Occupation: District Court Judge

Employer: State of North Carolina

Date admitted to the bar: 1995

Legal/Judicial experience: District Court Judge, 2000-present; Practicing Attorney, 1995-2000

Candidate's Personal Statement: The Court of Appeals reviews the work of trial courts to ensure the proper application of our laws.

I have more experience as a trial judge than anyone currently serving on the Court of Appeals. I have presided over tens of thousands of cases involving criminal, family, juvenile and other civil law matters. More than a decade of work – in some of our state's busiest courtrooms – has ideally prepared me to meet the challenges of reviewing the decisions of our trial courts. Who better to evaluate the decisions of the trial courts than an experienced trial judge?

I regularly teach legal education courses to judges and lawyers. I enjoy the academic aspects of my work, but never forget that each case affects the lives of the persons who appear before me and our community.

Before becoming a judge, I represented people in courts ranging from small claims court to the Supreme Court of the United States.

I believe in judicial restraint. Our courts have an important, but limited role in our constitutional democracy. As a judge, my record is one of following the law regardless of my personal opinions or public pressures.

My wife, Debin, and I have two daughters and have been married more than 20 years.

Please visit judgemartymcgee.com. I would appreciate your vote.

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS (THIGPEN SEAT)

CHRIS DILLON

Place of residence:
Raleigh



Education: UNC Chapel Hill School of Law, J.D., 1990; B.S. in Business Administration, 1987

Occupation: Attorney and General Counsel

Employer: Self-employed

Date admitted to the Bar: August 18, 1990

Legal/Judicial Experience: Private practice-Solo practitioner and at a large firm; Small Business General Counsel

Candidate's Personal Statement: Thank you for your interest in learning about the judicial candidates. Many voters do not know a lot about the "down ballot" races, yet they are so important.

My name is Chris Dillon. I am running for a seat that recently became vacant. My opponent was appointed by the Governor last year to temporarily fill that vacancy. I would be honored to have your vote.

The Court would benefit from having a judge not only with years of legal experience but also real-life experience beyond working as an attorney. I have worked with people from all walks of life at a small business I helped start where I saw first-hand how the law impacts all of our lives.

I will apply the law impartially and not legislate from the bench. I will be fair and "call balls and strikes" without regard to who the teams are.

Finally, I truly want to serve. One of my favorite lessons from the Bible is that those in a position of authority should strive "to serve" rather than "to be served".

I am supported statewide by attorneys and people from all walks of life and political perspectives. So when you get to the back of the ballot, please vote for me, Chris Dillon.

Chrisdillonforjudge.com

CRESSIE THIGPEN

Place of residence: Raleigh, NC



Education: NC Central University, B.S.; Rutgers University School of Law, J.D.; National Judicial College, New Appellate Judges Seminar (Certificates).

Occupation: Judge on the NC Court of Appeals

Employer: State of North Carolina

Date admitted to the bar: 1973

Legal/Judicial experience: Judge, NC Court of Appeals, August 2010 – present; Special Superior Court Judge, 2008 – 2010; President, NC State Bar, 1999 – 2000; Partner, Thigpen, Blue, Stephens, Fellers, 1976 – 2008; Adjunct Professor of Law, NC Central University, 1991– 1992; Solo Practitioner, 1974 – 1976; Staff Attorney, Durham County Legal Aid Society, July 1973 – December 1973

Candidate Statement: Experience counts on the Court. My 35 years as a trial lawyer, former Superior Court Judge, Adjunct Professor of Law and past president of the NC State Bar, have prepared me to continue my service on the Court of Appeals.

My judicial philosophy is simple. I follow the law. I apply the law equally to every case. During my years as a judge, I have made it my priority to be fair to every citizen by providing a fair and respectful forum, so that the people involved in every case know they have a judge who makes a decision that is impartial and based on the law.

I am proud to be endorsed by former Chief Justices Burley Mitchell and Henry Frye, former Chief Judge Sid Eagles, former Governor Jim Hunt, the NC Troopers Association, the NC Police Benevolent Association, the NC AFL-CIO, the NC Advocates for Justice, the NC Association of Educators, and the NC Association of Women Attorneys.

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NC Public Campaign Fund Program for Appellate Judicial Candidates

Candidates for the NC Supreme Court and the NC Court of Appeals can qualify for a limited amount of public financing for their campaigns. If they qualify, candidates stop regular fundraising activities for the General Election and use money provided to them from the NC Public Campaign Fund.

The decision to enroll in this program is optional. Candidates may receive public funding if they voluntarily:

- demonstrate public support by raising a set number of relatively small donations from registered voters, **AND**
- accept strict fundraising limits, **AND**
- accept strict spending limits.

The NC Appellate Courts

Appellate courts hear appeals regarding the decisions made in another court.

The NC Supreme Court is the state's highest court. It hears appeals of cases from the Court of Appeals and appeals of cases that have imposed the death penalty. There is no further appeal in North Carolina of its decisions, but in limited instances involving federal law, the U.S. Supreme Court may consider appeals from the NC Supreme Court.

Like the Court of Appeals, the NC Supreme Court has no jury. Its chief justice and six associate justices hear all cases together, as one sitting court. It considers errors in legal procedures or in interpretation of the law by a lower court.

The NC Court of Appeals hears appeals of all kinds of decisions of the state Superior and District Courts (the trial courts), from divorce cases to tax cases. It also hears appeals from administrative agencies.

There is no jury in the Court of Appeals. The 15 judges sit in rotating panels of three, considering errors in legal procedures or in judicial interpretation of the law. If a vote is 2-1, the losing party has an automatic right to appeal to the NC Supreme Court.

What are the Duties of the Commissioner of Insurance?

The Commissioner of Insurance heads the state Department of Insurance, which regulates the insurance industry, licenses insurance professionals and others, educates consumers about different types of insurance, handles consumer complaints, and interprets the state's building codes. The Commissioner of Insurance also serves as the State Fire Marshal.

How is the Voter Owned Elections Funded for the Candidates for State Auditor, Commissioner of Insurance and Superintendent of Public Instruction?

There are five sources of revenue for the North Carolina Voter-Owned Elections Fund.

Revenue for the Fund is provided through the following means:

- The **first source** is from any voluntary donation made directly to the Voter-Owned Elections Fund.
- The **second source** is from appropriations from the state General Fund for the implementation of the Voter-Owned Elections Act.
- The **third source** is from Fund revenues that were distributed to candidates but were not spent or committed at the time a candidate is no longer considered a certified candidate for that election.
- The **fourth source** is any funds ordered to be returned to the Fund as a result of a violation by a participating or certified candidate in the program.
- The **fifth source** is from funds forfeited in excess of the \$20,000 cap on contributions and expenditures between August 1st of the year before the election and the date of declaring a candidate's intent to participate in the Program.

What are the Duties of the Auditor?

The Office of the Auditor serves to monitor and audit State government by providing citizens, legislators, and government officials with professional, independent evaluations of the State's financial records and public Program Performance. The State Auditor also assesses the security and integrity of the State's information technology systems, as well as providing monitoring and technical assistance for private non-profit recipients of State Grant funds.

What are the Duties of the Superintendent of Public Instruction?

The State Superintendent heads the state Department of Public Instruction. The Department of Public Instruction is the agency charged with implementing the State's public school laws and the State Board of Education's policies and procedures governing pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public education. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction functions under the policy direction of the State Board of Education.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE AUDITOR

BETH A. WOOD, CPA Democrat

Place of Residence:
Raleigh, NC

Education: Bachelor of Science in Accounting East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

Occupation: CPA, NC State Auditor

Employer: NC Office of State Auditor

Previous Elective Offices Held: Currently NC State Auditor

Endorsements: Walter L. Williams, Director; Dr. Jasper L. Lewis; Emily's List; Lillian's List; William Broadus, CPA, PC; NC State AFL-CIO; Durham People's Alliance Political Action Committee; Raleigh-Wake Citizens' Association

Candidate's Personal Statement: The Office of State Auditor is critical to taxpayers in that it provides oversight to how tax dollars are spent. I am the only candidate running for this office that has the qualifications to meet the demands of the Office to ensure that NC citizens' tax dollars are being properly accounted for and reported and to identify fraudulent and wasteful spending in State Government.

Qualifications include:

- 25 years as a CPA
- 20 years of governmental audit and accounting experience
- Taught CPAs across the nation governmental auditing and accounting

Proven Results include:

- Identification of \$300M of wasteful spending in State Government,
- Produced audits to the General Assembly with irrefutable findings resulting in legislation to stop wasteful spending,
- Initiated the performance of follow-up audits to ensure agency corrective actions are in place and working
- Created a non-partisan, non-political environment within the State Auditor's Office



DEBRA GOLDMAN Republican

Place of residence: Cary, NC

Education: BA, The Pennsylvania State University; Certifications: Firefighter, EMT, HAZMAT, VRT and Fire Police BCCC

Occupation: Wake County Public School System Board of Education; Business Management, Business Development and Staffing

Employer: Wake County Public School System

Previous Elective Offices Held: Wake County Board of Education, 2009 - present; Wake County Board of Education Vice Chair Policy Committee 2012; Vice Chair, Wake County Board of Education, 2009-2011; Chair, Policy Committee, Wake County Board of Education, 2009-2011; Chair, Superintendent Search Committee, Wake County Board of Education, 2009-2011;

Endorsements: Sheriff B.J. Barnes, Guilford County; Sheriff George Erwin, Retired, Henderson County; Mayor Dick Sears, Holly Springs; Owen Etheridge, Currituck County Commissioner; A.L. "Buddy" Collins, Forsyth County Board of Education; Claude E. Pope, Jr.; Phil Matthews, Wake County Commissioner; Former State Senator Dennis Davis; Mayor Frank Eagles, Rolesville. More at www.DebraGoldmannnc.com.

Candidate's Personal Statement: Debra Goldman has a remarkable life-long record of leadership, business and management experience that reflects her untiring dedication to public service. Elected to the Wake County Board of Education in 2009, Debra led the fight for reforming the largest public school system in North Carolina. She won widespread praise for saving millions of taxpayer dollars and acting as the Board's fiscal and policy watchdog.

Debra has faced many challenges, yet none represented her tenacity better than her battle to conquer breast cancer. It was a battle like her others, one she never fought alone and won with faith and support of family and friends.

As State Auditor, Debra will revolutionize the way State Government is assessed. In taking on the role of auditor, Debra will crack down on the numerous public financial scandals and fiscal mismanagement. Debra is a proud member of the NRA, nationally certified firefighter and an EMT.



COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

WAYNE GOODWIN
Democrat



Place of residence: Raleigh, NC

Education: B.A., Political Science, Honors, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1989; Morehead Scholar; U.S. Senate/ Hearst Scholar; *Juris Doctor*, UNC-CH, 1992. Governor's School. Institute of Political Leadership. NC Center for Creative Leadership.

Occupation: Insurance Commissioner & State Fire Marshal, 2009—present; Asst. Commissioner of Insurance, Asst. State Fire Marshal, NC DOI, 2005—2009

Employer: NC Dept. of Insurance

Previous elective offices held: Insurance Commissioner, 2009-present; State Representative, NC General Assembly, 1997-2004

Endorsements: Governor Jim Hunt; GOP Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr.; Durham Comm. on the Affairs of Black People; NC Advocates for Justice; People's Alliance; NC State AFL-CIO; Paul Miller, Exec. Dir., State Firemen's Assoc.; Raleigh Professional Firefighters Assoc.; Sheriffs Moose Butler, Van Duncan & James Clemmons (www.waynegoodwin.org for more)

Candidate's Personal Statement: As Insurance Commissioner, I've SAVED NC citizens \$1.3 BILLION by ordering rate cuts, rebates, & refunds received by 1+ million families. I've fought insurance fraud, recovering \$49 million & sending 330 criminals to jail.

Under my watch, NC car insurance rates are LOWEST in the South. I've been a true CONSUMERS' WATCHDOG, a leader in transparency initiatives.

I pledge: LOW, FAIR insurance rates for you, drivers, homeowners, and businesses; rate-making REFORMS; a competitive insurance market; and a strong voice for firefighters.

What distinguishes me from my opponent? I have a proven, successful record of helping consumers. *My opponent – running a 4th time for this office! – has been an insurance company executive for 20+ years and a paid lobbyist for insurance & other special interests. Don't let the fox guard the henhouse!*

I ask for your vote.
www.WayneGoodwin.org

MIKE CAUSEY
Republican



Place of Residence: Greensboro, NC

Education: MBA studies, High point University; BS, Business Administration, High Point Univ.; AAS, Civil Engineering, Wake Tech; Environmental Engineering, UNC-Charlotte; Executive Management Certificate, Purdue University; CLU Studies, The American College

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Retired Insurance Executive, Farmer

Employer: Mike Causey & Associates

Previous Elective Offices Held: Never held elective office, but hold appointed office. Guilford County Agricultural Advisory Board; Guilford County Environmental Review Board; Public Officers & Employee Liability Insurance Commission – NC Dept of Insurance

Endorsements: Lauch Faircloth, Clinton, NC; Fred Preyer, Greensboro, NC; Gayle Drummond, Kitty Hawk, NC; Jane Rouse, Emerald Isle, NC; Vernon Hill, Atlantic Beach, NC

Candidate's Personal Statement: As a veteran and former Military Policeman (MP), I am a strong supporter of law enforcement and the military. My 30 years experience in the insurance business, along with my engineering and business education, legislative experience and small business ownership, make me uniquely qualified to lead the insurance department from day one.

Government regulations are strangling our small businesses. I will work to simplify burdensome regulations. I, Mike Causey, pledge to implement high standards of conduct in all areas of the department. Safety will be a top priority. Stronger safety measures and insurance coverage for all firefighters and law enforcement will be something I will strive to achieve.

Please learn more about Mike Causey for Insurance Commissioner at: www.gocausey.com

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

JUNE ATKINSON
Democrat



Place of residence: Wake County

Education: Radford University, B.S., Business Education; Virginia Tech M.S. Vocational-Technical Education; North Carolina State University, Ed. D. Educational Leadership and Policy

Occupation: Educator
-Former business teacher
-Educational administrator
-State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Employer: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Previous Elective Offices Held: State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Endorsements: North Carolina Police Benevolent Association; North Carolina Association of Educators; Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People; AFL-CIO and many others

Candidate's Personal Statement: As State Superintendent of Public Instruction, I've traveled to all 115 school districts listening to educators, students, parents, and citizens share hopes and dreams for public education. We have made great strides during my terms. Our graduation rate is at an all time high. We have introduced new options and programs to strengthen learning. We're doing more to prepare young people for opportunities and challenges of the future.

I have a record of accomplishments, but there is much more to do. That's why I ask you to reelect me as State Superintendent. We need to make sure that our graduation reaches 100 percent, all students can read well, and teachers are respected, valued, and compensated as they prepare students to be career, college, and citizenship ready.

I have been recognized by over 15 national and state organizations, including NCSU and ECU, for my accomplishments, leadership, and dedication in public education.

JOHN TEDESCO
Republican



Residence: Garner, NC

Education: B.S. Political Science Public Administration, Thiel College, Greenville, PA

Occupation: President, The North Carolina Center for Education Reform

Employer: The North Carolina Center for Education Reform

Previous Elective Offices Held: Wake County Public Schools Board of Education

Endorsements: Representative Paul "Skip" Stam — NCGA; Kaye McGarry, (2 Term Member) CMS BOE; Ron Margiotta (2 Term Member) WCPSS BOE; Paul Daniels (current member) Guilford BOE; A. L. "Buddy" Collins (current member) WSFSS BOE (Board of Education); Don Hayes, Chairman New Hanover BOE; Lisa Baldwin, Buncombe BOE; numerous others

Candidate's Personal Statement: John Tedesco has been a proven public sector leader within complex organizations for 15 years. John is the oldest of six and grew up in Pittsburgh, PA. John, his wife Jenn, and their son, attend Victory Fellowship Church in Garner.

John has served in senior leadership positions for a national educational foundation, major university and regional non-profit organizations; additionally he has served as a City Manager. As Chief Development Officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters he is credited with expanding School-Based Mentoring programs and establishing the North Carolina Mentoring Children of Prisoners Initiative. He is a skilled administrator and champion for children.

He currently serves as the President of The NC Center for Education Reform. Mr. Tedesco serves on the Wake County Board of Education leading the largest school system in North Carolina and the 16th largest in America where he has been a direct force for student achievement.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN NORTH CAROLINA?

NO

Here's how to register

SIX WAYS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

1. IN PERSON, AT A COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

You can find the address for your county elections office on the State Board of Elections website, www.ncsbe.gov or call (toll free) 866-522-4723. The county staff can help you with the registration form and answer your questions.

2. IN PERSON, AT ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING SITES

Individuals who miss the registration deadline may apply to register in person and then vote at a One-Stop absentee voting site. These One-Stop absentee sites are open from Thursday, October 18 to Saturday November 3. Bring identification with you, like a driver's license, utility bill or government document with your current name and address. Contact your County Board of Elections for locations and hours or visit the State Board of Elections website.

3. IN PERSON, AT MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICES

You can get a registration form at DMV offices, Employment Security Commission offices, and most social service agencies. The agency will submit the completed form to the County Board of Elections. Many libraries, high schools, and institutions of higher education have forms as well.

4. IN PERSON, DURING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

Many civic groups and political parties set up tables at businesses or conduct registration drives to register people to vote. They typically submit the form for you; if not, mail it to the county board of elections yourself.

5. BY MAIL

You can complete and mail in your registration form. It must be received or postmarked 25 days before the General Election (October 12, 2012). You can get a form from your County Board of Elections, or print it from the State Board of Elections website at www.ncsbe.gov. Click on "My Elections Board" for a list of county board addresses.

6. PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 16- AND 17-YEAR-OLDS

A person who is at least 16 but will not be 18 by the date of the next election and who is otherwise qualified to register may preregister to vote. A pre-registrant can use the same form as other registration applicants. A pre-registered citizen will be automatically registered upon reaching voting age, following the verification of the person's qualifications and address. A person must complete a new pre-registration form if he or she changes residence. For more information, contact your County Board of Elections.

RULES ABOUT REGISTERING

You must provide your North Carolina driver's license number if you have one. If not, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number on the registration form. If you do not have either of these, then you may include with the form a copy of identification that shows your name and address, such as a utility bill or document from a government agency. Ask your board of elections for a list of acceptable identification.

YES

Here's how to vote

THREE WAYS TO VOTE IN NC

1. IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY

At your assigned polling place, you'll be asked to state your name and address and sign the pollbook before you vote. The polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. If you are in the line by 7:30 p.m., you will be able to vote. See the box, page 2, lower left, on how to find your polling place.

2. EARLY VOTING IN PERSON, BEFORE ELECTION DAY

From October 18 to November 3, every county has at least one site where you can register and cast a One-Stop absentee ballot. You do not need an excuse to vote early. Some sites are open beyond normal business hours. On Saturday, November 3, One-Stop voting ends at 1 p.m., but some sites may stay open as late as 5 p.m. Contact your county board of elections to find out where and when One-Stop absentee voting is available or go to the State Board of Elections website at www.ncsbe.gov.

3. MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

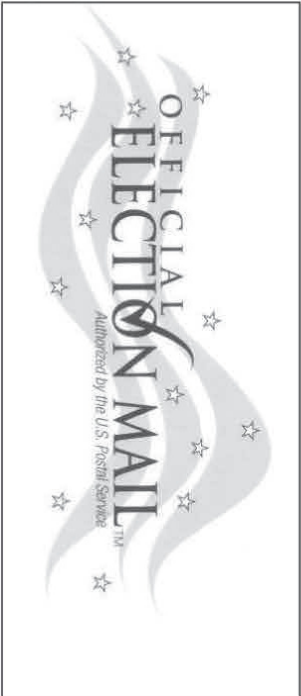
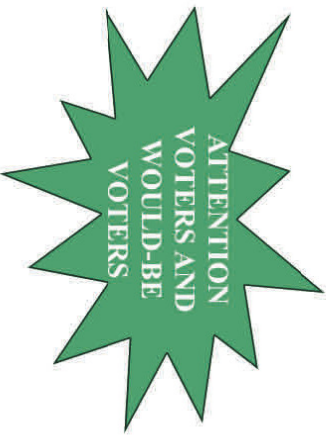
No later than 5 p.m. on October 30, 2012, you can request a no-excuse mail-in absentee ballot. The request must be written and signed by you or a near relative (a near relative is a spouse, brother, sister, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, stepparent, stepchild, or mother-, father-, daughter-, or son-in-law), or be on a form provided to you by your County Board of Elections. The request may be e-mailed or faxed to the County Board of Elections. A request should include: Your name, date of birth, residence address, address to which the absentee ballot should be mailed, and if the request is by a near relative, the near

relative's contact information and relationship to you. Once a valid request is received, the County Board of Elections will mail a ballot and container envelope directly to the voter. The voted ballot must be returned by the voter no later than Monday, November 5. If you mail your voted ballot, it may still be considered timely if the return envelope is postmarked on or before Election Day and the ballot is received no later than 5 p.m. on November 9; however, it is best to return your ballot by November 5. Be sure to follow all the directions, including having one witness sign in the appropriate place.

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IN NORTH CAROLINA IF YOU ARE:

- a United States citizen AND;
- at least 18, or will be at the time of the next General Election, (or you may pre-register if you are at least 16 years old and understand that you must be at least 18 years old on Election Day in order to vote) AND;
- a resident of North Carolina and the county precinct where you want to vote for at least 30 days before the election AND;
- not a convicted state or federal felon still in custody, on probation, or on parole. If you have completed all parts of your sentence, you can register like any other citizen.

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